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[Despatch Abstract.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION.

Treatment of Catholic schools in the South Yanarn District - Notes - R e c o r d e d.

Council Office.
14-6-27.

STARRED QUESTION.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEFAULTERS.

*97. Will the hon the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state-

(a) whether (~~Roman Catholics individually or any ecclesiastical Catholic Association~~) have brought to the notice of ~~Government~~ the hon. Minister the canonical rules (Canons 1372, 1373 and 1374 - paras 1215, 1216 and 1217 in Woywod's New Canon Law), which enjoin on Catholics the duty of educating their children in schools where religion and moral training occupy the first place, (2) require that in every school, Catholic children be instructed in Christian ~~doctrine~~ doctrine and be imparted religious knowledge, (3) prohibit Catholic children from attending non-Catholic schools, and (4) impose on ordinaries (heads of dioceses) the duty of seeing that Catholic, elementary and mediate schools are established where none exist;

(b) whether, ~~it is a fact~~ that the efforts of Catholics in S.Kanara in the spread of education have met with constant discouragement from the District Educational Council, and Catholic schools have frequently failed to secure a just and fair treatment at the hands of that body, when other local board or private non-denominational or other communal schools were concerned but would not be crippled, while Local Board schools or communal schools have been allowed to be established and recognised which had the effect of crippling Catholic schools; ~~(For instances see questions following);~~ and

the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League by a letter and the Sub-Committee of the ~~Madras~~ Standing Committee of the Madras Catholic Educational Council by a memorandum, with a view to the law and the rules being amended in harmony with their religious laws,

a deputation of Catholics ~~South India~~ Kanara has brought to the notice of the hon Minister in March last,

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it has been pointed out by the above mentioned bodies,

(c) whether ~~it is a fact~~ that in Catholic schools, Christian religious education is imposed only on Catholic children and other children are not obliged to attend religious instruction classes, so that the schools are communal only so far as religious instruction is concerned;

(d) what action has been or is ~~HHV~~ being taken on the above representations?

(5) Which fallacy does this
seem to commit or be close to?

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Mr. J.A. Saldanha.

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Edn, and Local Self-Govt be pleased to state

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Answer

(a) whether the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League by a letter and the Sub Committee of the Standing Committee of the Madras Catholic Educational Council by a memorandum with a view to the law and the rules being amended in harmony with their religious laws, have brought to the notice of the Hon: Minister the canonical rules(Canons 1372,1373 and 1374 -paras 1215,1216 and 1217 in Woywod's New Canon Law) which (1) enjoin on Catholics the duty of educating their children in schools where religion and moral training occupy the first place (2) require that in every school, Catholic children be instructed in Christian doctrine and be imparted religious knowledge (3) prohibit Catholic children from attending non-Catholic schools and (4) impose on ordinaries(heads of dioceses) the duty of seeing that catholic elementary and mediate schools are established where none exist;

(a) Yes;

(b) Whether a deputation of catholics of South Kanara has brought to the notice of the Hon: Minister in

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March last that the efforts of Catholics in South Kanara in the spread of education have met with discouragement from the D.E.C and Catholic schools have frequently failed to secure a just and fair treatment at the hands of that body, when other local board and pr private non-denominational or other communal schools were concerned but would not be crippled, while local board schools or Communal Schools have been allowed to be established and recognised which had the effect of crippling Catholic schools

(b) Yes;

(c) whether it has been pointed out by the above mentioned bodies that in Catholic schools, Christian religious education is imposed only on Catholic children and other children are not obliged to attend religious instruction classes, so that the schools are communal only so far as religious instruction is concerned.

(c) Yes;

(d) what action has been taken or is being taken on the above representations?

(d) The position of Catholic children reading in elementary schools has been discussed by the Special officer in his report on elementary education. The report of the Special officer is under the consideration of Govt.

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QUESTION.—No 97 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 23rd August 1927.

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SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Law (Education) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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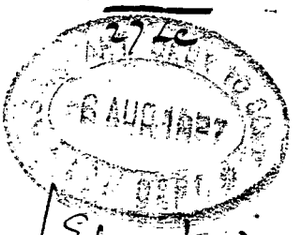

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Clause (a)

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(X) The letter and memorandum referred to were received and forwarded to the Spl Officer 4.0.

Clause (b)

The representation of the Catholics of S. Kanara has been sent to the Spl Officer on 31.3.27 (No 20 1500 - 2 Edn 31.3.27). The answer to both clauses (a) & (b) may be Yes

Clauses (c) & (d)

Both the files referred to above are with the Special Officer who may be requested to suggest a suitable answer to clauses (c) & (d)

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The answer to clause (c) would appear to be "Yes" since clause (c) is only a continuation of the statements made in clauses (a) and (b).

I suggest the following answer to clause (d):--

A. The position of Catholic children reading in elementary schools has been discussed by the Special Officer in his report on elementary education. The report of the Special Officer is under the consideration of Government.

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Alleged memorandum from the South Kanara Indian Christian Civic League regarding treatment of Catholic schools.

286 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League by a letter and the sub-committee of the Standing Committee of the Madras Catholic Educational Council by a memorandum, with a view to the law and the rules being amended in harmony with their religious laws, have brought to the notice of the hon. Minister the canonical rules (Canons 1372, 1373 and 1374 —paragraphs 1215, 1216 and 1217 in Woywod's New Canon Law), which (1) enjoin on Catholics the duty of educating their children in schools where religion and moral training occupy the first place, (2) require that in every school, Catholic children be instructed in Christian doctrine and be imparted religious knowledge, (3) prohibit Catholic children from attending non-Catholic schools, and (4) impose on Ordinaries (heads of dioceses) the duty of seeing that Catholic, elementary and mediate, schools are established where none exist ;

(*b*) whether a deputation of Catholics of South Kanara has brought to the notice of the hon. Minister in March last, that the efforts of Catholics in South Kanara in the spread of education have met with constant discouragement from the District Educational Council, and Catholic schools have frequently failed to secure a just and fair treatment at the hands of that body, when other local board or private non-denominational or other communal schools were concerned, but would not be crippled, while local board schools or communal schools have been allowed to be established and recognized which had the effect of crippling Catholic schools ;

(*c*) whether it has been pointed out by the abovementioned bodies that in Catholic schools, Christian religious education is imposed only on Catholic children and other children are not obliged to attend religious instruction classes, so that the schools are communal only so far as religious instruction is concerned ; and

(*d*) what action has been or is being taken on the above representations ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The position of Catholic children reading in elementary schools has been discussed by the special officer in his report on elementary education. The report of the special officer is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, some portion dealing with the position of the children in elementary schools has been omitted from the extracts from Mr. Statham's report. May I have a copy of that portion, Sir, or is it of a confidential nature ? " A

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will consider that request of the hon. Member." B

Please see Mr. Saldanha's supplementary question at A above. He apparently refers to the portion of the Special officer's report dealing with religious instruction of catholic children in elementary schools. Mr. Statham has separately stated in that it is not desirable to publish at present the portion of the report referred to above as well as other portions which have not been

pp 26-35 of the report.

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been published. ~~Regarding whether, with reference to the Hon'ble Minister's promise as shown in previous paper, Mr. Saldanha would be furnished with a copy of the portion of the report dealing with Catholic children in elementary schools.~~ In view of the Special officer's remarks, copy need not apparently be furnished to Hon'ble Mr. Saldanha at present. If so the papers may be

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League Council Question
Treatment of Catholic Schools in the South Kanara Dt. – Notes – Recorded.

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Dear
We need not publish this portion at all.
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